

# Eisenhower Accepts Resignation Of Allen as U. S. Information Chief

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AUGUSTA, Ga., Nov. 11 (UPI)—President Eisenhower today accepted the resignation of career diplomat George V. Allen, the first of an expected wave of post-election resignations.

Allen, a veteran of 30 years in foreign service, is director of U. S. Information Agency. He quit to become president of the Tobacco Institute.

U. S. Ambassador to Mexico Robert C. Hill, Assistant Secretary of Labor Newell Brown and U. S. Ambassador to Ghana Wilson C. Flake all advised the President they wanted to quit soon.

Mr. Eisenhower said he intends to appoint Francis H. Russell, present envoy to New Zealand, to replace Flake in the Ghana post. No other successors were named.

The White House also announced that President Eisenhower's chief assistant, Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Persons, will meet Monday at 11 a. m. with Clark Clifford, President-elect John F. Kennedy's liaison man, to begin planning for an

orderly transfer of powers. They were expected to set up other meetings between the respective presidential advisers.

Allen, who intends to leave the NSIA job Dec. 1 after three years, was involved in campaign controversy.

Sen. Kennedy claimed that polls by the agency showed United States prestige had declined sharply in recent years. He demanded results of these polls be released. Allen rejected the request.

Mr. Eisenhower praised Allen for bringing the USIA to the peak of its effectiveness. "The task of projecting abroad information concerning America is of the most profound im-

portance to our great objective of peace with justice, freedom and dignity," the President said.

The 57-year-old Allen has served as an American diplomat in Jamaica, Greece, Egypt, Iran, India, Nepal and Yugoslavia.

Resting from his pre-election campaigning, Mr. Eisenhower kept a close eye on reports concerning the attempted military coup in South Viet-Nam. He received two briefings on the situation last night and another this morning.

Chilly, 51-degree weather kept the Chief Executive off the Augusta National Golf Club course this morning.